

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**GLEN ALLEN, Virginia**  
**October 12, 2005**  
**10:30 AM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
Kathy Eubanks	James Dudley, MD (excused)	Warren Short	Ricky Lyles
Billy Altman	Donna Helmick	Thomas Nevetrál	Bill Hightower
Linda Johnson	Jeff Reynolds (Excused)	Chad Blosser	Bobby Baker
Nick Klimenko		Michael Berg	Marcia Pescitani
Holly Frost			Debbie Akers
David Cullen			Linda Johnson
			Laura Walker
			John Cooke
			Greg Neiman
			Heidi Hooker
			Randy Abernathy

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<b>Call to Order</b>	The Committee was called to order at 10:33 AM the Grand Ballroom at the Cultural Arts Center in Glen Allen Va.	
<b>I. Welcome</b>	In the Absence of Dr. Dudley, Randy Abernathy was asked to chair the committee by Dr. Dudley.	
<b>II. Introductions</b>	Members of the Committee were asked to identify themselves and who they represented. This was followed by recognition and identifying those in the gallery.	
<b>III. Approval of Minutes</b>	The minutes of the July 13, 2005 committee meeting were corrected by changing the name of Linda Harris to Linda Johnson in the discussion section of the Scope of Practice.	<b>The minutes were approved as corrected.</b>
<b>IV. Review Committee Membership</b>	Warren reviewed the composition of the PDC.	
<b>V. Office Staff Update</b>	Warren notified the committee that the EMSAT production section had received approval to hire a part-time employee who subsequently has been hired. David Hellman will assist Terry Coy with EMSAT production as well as assist with office based web education.  Warren advised the committee of the resignation of Steve Puckett, BLS Training Specialist and that this position had just received approval for hire. The BLS Training Specialist position description is posted	

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	<p>on the web and is being advertised in various media with an application closing date of October 21, 2005.</p> <p>The office submitted and have received approval for two new positions in DED. The two positions are a Certification Test Coordinator and a Funding/Accreditation assistant for the QA/Accreditation/Funding section. The office is in the process of developing the functional job description for in preparation to advertise soon.</p>	
<b>VI. NREMT Computer Based Testing</b>	<p>Tom Nevetral reviewed information about National Registry's Computer Based Testing process. National Registry is on line to begin January 1, 2007. Virginia has 6 identified test centers and has requested one additional site in Harrisonburg area. The six sites are Newport News, Richmond, Vienna, Lynchburg, Roanoke, and Tazewell. Discussion also included concern as to Registry's support of the Intermediate certification level. Based on information from other sources who have spoken to Mr. Brown, the Intermediate program should be supported through 2012. Also discussed was the availability of "seat" time. Although the precise availability can not be assessed until the program is activated, the agreement with Pearson Vue, the test administrator, involves the ability to book an entire center as well as offering testing at night and on weekends. Registry has indicated they will distribute a CD detailing the computer testing process next year.</p>	
<b>VII. Ad Hoc Committees</b>	<p>a. BLS Accreditation – Chad discussed the desire of the office to convene an ad hoc committee of PDC to review, investigate and provide guidance in the development BLS accreditation standards an EMT program competencies. The committee composition was discussed and PDC asked to assign a representative. (See Attachment A) Concern was expressed by the committee over the apparent lack of office initiated inclusion of Regional Councils in the selection of committee members. Following discussion, Warren indicated the staff would address the committee's concern and come up with a plan to include the regional councils.</p>	<b>Linda Johnson nominated Kathy Eubanks seconded by Cullen. Kathy Eubanks accepted.</b>
	<p>b. ALS Curriculum - Tom reviewed the desire of the office to convene an ad hoc committee of MDC to review the ALS curriculum. Discussion followed concerning regional issues as it pertains to practice and the procedures and medication schedules at both levels. The idea of this committee is not to redesign or create a new program but to assure the current program is up-to-date with material and content. Tom reviewed the composition of the committee. (See Attachment B)</p>	
	<p>c. BLS Curriculum Warren reviewed the office desire to convene an ad hoc committee of the PDC to assure the BLS curriculum was kept up to date. Review of the committee composition was provided. (See attachment C)</p>	<b>Linda Johnson was appointed as PDC representative.</b>
<b>VIII. EMS Instructor Updates</b>	<p>Warren reviewed the EMS Instructor updates conducted since the last PDC meeting. An update was held in Abingdon on September 17 and Fredericksburg on October 1, both with approximately 30 attendees. The next update is scheduled for Saturday November 12, 2005 at the EMS Symposium. It</p>	

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	<p>was noted that attendance for the update does not require symposium registration.</p> <p>Warren then reviewed the EMS Instructor update survey that investigated the option of conducting the updates on weeknights as opposed to weekends. Discussion followed about consideration of web and web/video compression.</p> <p>Warren advised the committee that for multiple years there had been an indication that the TEMS and PEMS instructors and coordinators were at a disadvantage by their update being held at the symposium, causing less opportunity to participate in the full symposium experience. For 2006, the office will work with VAVRS to schedule an Update with the VAVRS convention in Virginia Beach to address this issue. Following discussion, it was felt that the office should still support the symposium update, at least for the first year to see how the participation was affected. It was agreed to have an update at both events for 2006.</p>	<p><b>Nick Klimenko moved that the Office of EMS be encouraged to utilize survey for scheduling the next years updates and to further explore use of technology to determine appropriate accessibility for future updates.. Seconded by Linda Johnson. Passed</b></p>
<p><b>IX. EMT Instructor Institute</b></p>	<p>Warren informed the committee that an EMT Instructor Institute was conducted in Abingdon from September 17 through September 21 producing 20 new instructors. Due to the resignation of Steve Puckett, the Office has suspended temporarily the EMT instructor program, till the position is filled and the employee is oriented. This action stopped the administration of the EMT Instructor Pre-test and practical. There was discussion that this action was adversely impacting several areas in Virginia. Assistance was offer by Kathy and Linda to assist in those job task if it would help to get the process going again. Further discussion was concerned the appropriateness of the current process, even to the value of the practical exam. In addition to reviewing the current process, was potentially developing a credentialing approach, acknowledging other teaching credentials, alternatives to the testing process for instructors, as well as noting the disparity between BLS and ALS instructor/coordinator requirements.</p> <p>Other discussion during this time involved the opportunity for DED staff to participate in national meetings.</p> <p>During the discussion, it was indicated that a new publication by NAEMSE titled “Foundation of Education” by Mosby would be an excellent resource.</p>	<p><b>Nick Klimenko recommended this issue to considered by committee members for discussion at the next meeting.</b></p> <p><b>A motion by Dave Cullen seconded by Nick Klimenko to recommend that the EMS Advisory Board be encouraged to submit a letter to the Governor supporting the opportunity for the DED staff to attend national meetings....Passed.</b></p> <p><b>The committee directed the office submit to Billy Altman a list of committee members in order that a complimentary copy that he indicated could be obtained would be sent to committee members and the DED Section.</b></p>

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<b>X. Regulatory Changes</b>	Warren indicated that this was more for informational purposes to just provide the committee of upcoming changes in the regulations, specifically as it applies to category 1 CE. The proposed changes would be required to recognize “web based” type programming for awarding of category one (1) CE. The committee in concept was not opposed to the activity.	
<b>XI. Funding</b>	<p>The BLS report was given by Warren Short. To date, the EMT Instructor program has paid out \$121,800.</p> <p>Warren indicated that the office would like to mirror the ALSTF contracts for the BLS programs. There would be no change in the funding amounts, but that the contract would change. This would allow for third party payments. However, Mike Berg did indicate the new contract would forbid participation by VDH employees as paid participants, both directly for contracting and as paid instructors.</p>	<b>Motion by Billy Altman, seconded by Kathy Eubanks that the committee supports changing the BLS contracts as outlined by staff. Passed</b>
<b>XII. VCCS Curriculum Standardization</b>	Holly Frost summarized the committees activities over the last six months and the expected benefits of the colleges standardizing their curriculum. The proposed curricula has been forwarded to Dr. Sullivan. The process is on schedule for review in November by VCCS Curriculum Committee while simultaneously being reviewed with local campus vice presidents, to the vice presidents in December with anticipated activation by fall 2006. There was some discussion about the Community College ability to recognize previous EMT training and certification for awarding of credit in the Community College system.	
<b>XIII. Accreditation Update</b>	Chad passed out information concerning the number of accredited sites, indicating upcoming visits to Lynchburg and Roanoke for their first year re-accreditation visit. He also indicated via the hand out the status of the ALS training funds and their distributions.	
<b>XIV. Old Business</b>	<p>Warren informed the committee the High School EMT committee completed their assignments and that the recommendations had been forwarded to Joann Wakelyn at the Department of Education. High School programs should be directed to Mrs. Wakelyn for assistance and obtaining the guidelines. Basically, the committee recommendations assure that at a minimum high school programs complied with state regulations.</p> <p>Billy Altman initiated discussion concerning the narrowed scope of continuing education topics. Warren indicated that this issue was discussed during the assessment of the continuing education program prior to implementation and that there was not a lot of opposition. Warren requested that the office is willing to reconsider continuing education requirements and recommends possibly considering the CE program, especially for ALS, that existed prior to the latest change; allowing for required areas of review but not demanding the level of specificity of the current process. Warren requested that comments be email to him concerning this issue and that the Office will process approaches that will be recognized by National Registry yet reflects the desires of Virginia’s EMS community.</p>	<b>Submission of CE recommendation to the office for consideration in changing the CE requirements, especially for ALS.</b>
<b>XV. EMSAT Changes</b>	Due to satellite contracting issues, the office is investigating the use of web technology for EMSAT. This also affects the discussion noted in the regulatory changes anticipated in the near future.	
<b>XVI. New Business</b>	Ricky Lyles and Bill Hightower from Southside Virginia Community College, Christiana Campus addressed the committee with a proposal to pilot a real time video streaming EMT program as part of a	<b>A motion by Linda Johnson seconded by Kathy Eubanks that</b>

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	<p>dual enrollment program between the Community College and the Parkview and Bluestone High Schools in Mecklenburg County. Bulleted details of the proposal can be seen in the handout. Mr. Lyles indicated he had requested a copy of the DOE High School packet from Mrs. Wakelyn and would comply with it. After discussion concerning the collection and reporting back to the committee evaluations of the program, the committee support the pilot. Mr. Lyles indicated there was support from the EMS agencies in the county. (See attachment D)</p> <p>Further discussion concerning the accreditation program and its potential affects on rural areas and on volunteers followed. Warren indicated that the office was proposing an alternative educational approach that would co-exist with the current system. The office would not change or alter the current process and that it would be the Professional Development Committee's and the Medical Direction Committee's decision as to if and when the current BLS certification program would come up for consideration. There is still a need to address the same issues that have plagued the system for years for which the current process has been unable to address.</p> <p>Also address was concerns expressed in a letter from the TJ councils EMT Instructors concerning the DED's Initiative 2009 proposals. Concern about establishing reasonable standards for accreditation achievable by volunteer agencies was expressed. Warren indicated that the office intent was not to make it more difficult to provide EMT training, but to address those issues for which plague the system. Further, the office is committed to allowing the current process to continue, co-existing with the accreditation process. Therefore, minimizing or removing any impact on volunteers. Concern also was expressed about the placing of programs in the Virginia Community College setting and the associated cost. Warren indicated that accreditation is not tied to the community college system. Even with the ALS accreditation, there are accredited sites that are not affiliated with community colleges. As for costs, it is envisioned that the accreditation will allow increased funding and establish a funding mechanism similar to the ALS Training Fund. Warren indicated that based upon the letter, there was a miss understanding about the competency aspect in the proposed initiative. The competencies are not like that conducted at the ALS level. The BLS competencies are lab based competencies where the students during the program are required to demonstrate an identified skill a certain number of times.</p> <p>The committee expressed its appreciation to Kathy for the use of the VAVRS facilities during the past several meeting. Kathy extended the facility if needed for future meetings.</p>	<p><b>the piloting of the SVCC dual enrollment program with the two high schools using live video streaming technology with updates and evaluations provided to the committee be supported. Passed</b></p>
<b>XVII. Establish Meeting Dates for 2006</b>	<p>The meeting dates for 2006 were accepted as proposed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 11, 2006</li> <li>• April 12, 2006</li> <li>• July 12, 2006</li> <li>• October 11, 2006</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accepted by acclamation.</b></p>
<b>XVIII. Public Comment</b>	<p>There was no public comment.</p>	
<b>XIX. Adjourn</b>	<p>The meeting was adjourned.</p>	

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EMT Instructor from NVEMS	
EMT Instructor from ODEMSA	
EMT Instructor from PEMS	
EMT Instructor from REMS	
EMT Instructor from SWVEMS	
EMT Instructor from TJEMS	
EMT Instructor from TEMS	
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## Attachment B

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### Division of Educational Development

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J. Sargeant Reynolds CC	Greg Neiman
Jefferson College of Health Sciences	Allen 'Mac' Snead
Loudoun County Paramedic Program	Jose Salazar
Northern Virginia CC	Holly Frost
Medical Direction Committee	George Lindbeck, M.D.
Piedmont Virginia CC / TJEMS	Sabina Braithwaite, M.D.
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### Division of Educational Development

#### EMT-Basic Curriculum Update Committee – Ad-hoc

Organization Represented	Primary Representative
Blue Ridge EMS	
Central Shenandoah EMS	
Lord Fairfax EMS	
Northern Virginia EMS	
Old Dominion EMS Alliance	
Peninsulas EMS	
Rappahannock EMS	
Regional Councils Executive Group	
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## Attachment D

**PURPOSE:** To request approval of pilot EMT-B program over compressed video

**BACKGROUND:** Southside Virginia Community, Christiana Campus, and Mecklenburg County Schools have partnered to provide EMT-Basic course to eligible high school students in two Mecklenburg high schools. SVCC will provide the instructor, and classes will be held at the high schools using compressed video format. This class will be scheduled to start in January with the spring semester and will be dual enrollment (high school and college credit). Listed below are specifics of the course.

- The classes will be conducted with Parkview and Bluestone High schools in Mecklenburg Co.
- The classes will meet simultaneously at the respective schools and will be linked by compressed video.
- The instructor will alternate each day from Parkview to Bluestone Schools for lecture
- This method is currently employed in the school system for other subject classes.
- The two way system has the capability to allow talk back so that students in the opposite class room can see and talk with the instructor.
- Each class will have a school system provided, Nursing Aid teacher with the students for supervision, discipline etc.
- Arrangements have been made for additional instructors for each class room during practical classes.
- At the completion of the class, students will be required to take an in class examination for school purposes. Those students who wish to pursue certification will follow on with OEMS requirements for certification testing.
- With the exception of lecture instruction over video to one class all OEMS guidelines for basic provider course will be followed the same as established format.
- Curtis Jones, Chase City Rescue Squad, Bobby Lester, Southside Rescue Squad will be assisting. Both rescue squads are supporting.
- I have contacted Joann Wakelyn, Va. Dept. of Education. She is sending me package and we will comply with all HS guidelines.
- We will provide feedback, information or any stats that the PDC would like.